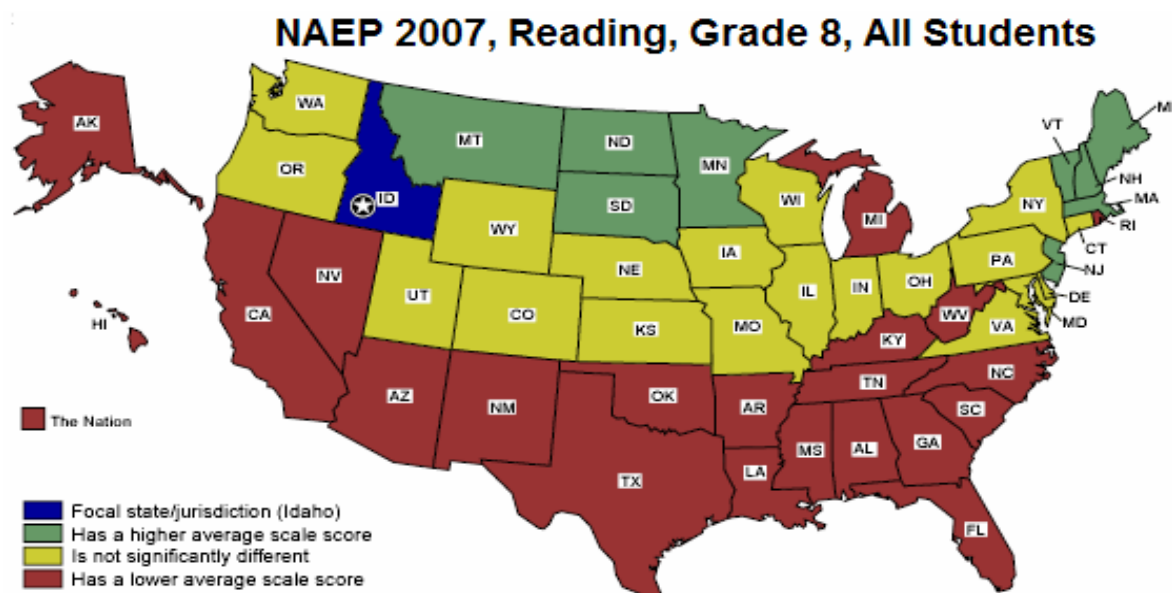


The Reading assessment of the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) used multiple-choice and constructed-response questions to examine comprehension in three contexts: Reading for Literary Experience, Reading to Be Informed, and Reading to Perform a Task. The reading scale scores ranged from 0 to 500, where 243 is *Basic* (meets grade 8 expectations), 281 is *Proficient*, and 323 is *Advanced*.

Reading Cross-State Comparisons on Average Scale Score



SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, Institute of Education Sciences, National Center for Education Statistics, National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). 2007 Reading Assessments.

- ◆ On the 2007 reading assessment, Idaho 8th graders had an average scale score that was higher than their peers in 21 states (AK, AL, AR, AZ, CA, FL, GA, HI, KY, LA, MI, MS, NC, NM, NV, OK, RI, SC, TN, TX, WV). Their average score was also higher than the national average.
- ◆ On the 2007 reading assessment, Idaho 8th graders had an average scale score that was not significantly different from their peers in 19 states (CO, CT, DE, IA, IL, IN, KS, MD, MO, NE, NY, OH, OR, PA, UT, VA, WA, WI, WY).
- ◆ On the 2007 reading assessment, Idaho 8th graders had an average scale score that was lower than their peers in nine states (MA, ME, MN, MT, ND, NH, NJ, SD, VT).

Comparisons are based on statistical tests (.05 level) that consider magnitude of difference and standard errors.
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